

Appl. No. 10/684,316
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action Summary mailed February 14, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims into two species:

- Species i: distress event indication from on board device; and
- Species ii: distress event indication from ground station.

The Applicant elects Species i, including Claims 56-58, 61-67, and 69-73, with traverse of the species restriction, for prosecution in the present application. Applicant withdraws claim 68.

Claims 56-58, 61-67, and 69-73 read on the elected species. The Examiner identifies claims 56 and 66 as generic claims. Claims 57-58, 61-66, and 69-73 are also generic to the two identified species. Applicant reserves the right, upon allowance of a generic claim, to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the species restriction because there is at least one claim generic to the species and two species does not represent an unreasonable number of species. There is no undue burden placed on the Examiner to search the two species.

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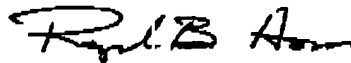
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

Respectfully submitted,



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